

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 9 and add claim 11 as follows:

1. (Previously amended) A gasket for a compressor, used in a compressor in which a fluid is force-fed and having a raised portion rising so as to surround a sealed portion, wherein:
 - an end of said raised portion toward an inner edge and a base surface of said gasket are not set on a single plane;
 - said raised portion includes a flat surface positioned at a point with a height differing from the height of said base surface; and
 - an outer edge of said flat surface does not have a shape similar to the shape of said inner edge.
2. (Original) A gasket for a compressor according to claim 1, wherein:
 - said raised portion is constituted with a flat surface set at a height different from the height of said base surface and an inclined surface with a predetermined angle of inclination, which links said flat surface with said base surface.
3. (Original) A gasket for a compressor according to claim 2, disposed between a cylinder block and a valve plate, wherein:
 - an inner edge of said flat surface of said raised portion surrounding a cylinder formed at said cylinder block is not circular.
4. (Cancelled)
5. (Previously amended) A gasket for a compressor according to claim 1, wherein:
 - said outer edge of said flat surface in the entirety thereof comes in contact with an intake valve and only a specific portion of said inner edge comes in contact with said intake valve.

6. (Original) A gasket for a compressor according to claim 5, wherein:
said specific portion corresponds to a connecting base portion of a lead portion of said intake valve.
7. (Previously amended) A gasket for a compressor, used in a compressor in which a fluid is force-fed, having a raised portion rising so as to surround a sealed portion and disposed between a valve plate and a cylinder head, wherein:
an end of said raised portion toward an inner edge and a base surface of said gasket are not positioned on a single plane; and
said raised portion is disposed so as to seal at least a high/ low pressure barrier wall and an atmospheric pressure barrier wall.
8. (Original) A gasket for a compressor according to claim 7, wherein:

said inclined surface is disposed so as to come in contact with said high/low pressure barrier wall or said atmospheric pressure barrier wall.
9. (Currently amended) A gasket for a compressor according to claim 7 ~~or claim 8~~, wherein:
a retainer portion for regulating an operation of a discharge valve is included.
10. (Previously amended) A gasket for a compressor according to any of claims 1 through 3 and 5 through 9, wherein:
in said compressor, carbon dioxide is force
11. (New) A gasket for a compressor according to claim 8, wherein:
a retainer portion for regulating an operation of a discharge valve is included.